

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

In the Abstract, before line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

--The present invention relates to a method for manufacturing a finished product having antibacterial activity comprising treating at least one face of a substrate comprising at least 50% by weight of cellulosic fibers with a composition containing as sole antimicrobial agent, a metal gluconate chosen in the group consisting of zinc gluconate, silver gluconate, copper gluconate or mixtures thereof.--